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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I would like to offer my strong support for the settlement agreement reached in the Microsoft antitrust litigation.

While there is much of the agreement of which I am not aware, I do know that Microsoft has agreed to lessen restrictions on the use of competitive software within Windows operating systems, and to promote greater uniformity in its pricing practices. These concessions certainly go a long way in answering the allegations of anticompetitive behavior brought against Microsoft, although I am sure complaints will remain. It appears to me that much of the criticism of Microsoft is the result of their success. I disagree with the idea that successful individual or organizations should be looked upon as targets of opportunity.

I am not a dedicated fan of Microsoft products but I am sure that the long and drawn out litigation is distracting management attention. At a point in time when economic growth is so essential; we cannot afford to have one of our biggest economic engines sitting on the sidelines. Please get on with this agreement and let Microsoft get on with business.

Your time is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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